GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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REMOVAL OF TOXIC CHEMICAL WASTE OF UNION CARBIDE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal to remove the toxic chemical waste after testing of Union Carbide in Bhopal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to prepare any scheme for removal of the said waste; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a)to(d) : The High Court of Madhya Pradesh while hearing the Writ Petition No. 2802/2004 filed by Shri Alok Pratap Singh vs. Union of India and others constituted a Task Force under the chairpersonship of the Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals with experts from National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology and Central Pollution Control Board and Confederation of Indian Industry to monitor the implementation of the Road map prepared by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for removal/disposal of the toxic wastes lying in and around the Union Carbide India Limited(UCIL) plant at Bhopal. The Principal Secretary, Bhopal Gas Tragedy, Relief and Rehabilitation Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh is the coordinator of the Task Force and the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board is the executive agency to impiement the project. As per the directions of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Bhopal Gas Tragedy, Relief and Rehabilitation Department have filed the estimates regarding the removal/disposal of the toxic wastes lying in and around the UCIL plant at Bhopal, approximately 346 MT of toxic wastes to be sent to Ankleshwar, Gujarat for incineration at the incinerator and about 40 MT of Lime Sludge to be sent to the Secured Land Fill constructed at Pithampur, near Indore, Madhya Pradesh. As per the directions of the High Court the Government of India and the Government of Madhya Pradesh have to bear the expenditure equally (subject of fixation of liability).